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SUBJ: SHIP VISIT

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1. EMBASSY HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT REFTEL PROPOSING VISIT OF U.S. NAVY DESTROYER JOSEPH HAWES TO RAS AL-KHAIMAH MARCH 29-31. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH VISIT WILL POSE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. QUITE THE CONTRARY, VISIT LIKELY BE WARMLY RECIVED BY SHAIKH SAQR, RULER RAS AL-KHAIMAH, AS, IN HIS VIEW, MOST WELCOMED RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE THIS NORTHERN-MOST OF UAE EMIRATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY PARTICULARLY PLEASED IN TERMS PRESENTING DESIRED IMAGE THAT SHIP OF RELATIVELY RECENT COMMISSIONING SUCH USS JOSEPH HAWES BEING PROPOSED FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE FIRST SHIP VISIT, AT LEAST IN SOME TIME, TO RAS AL-KHAIMAH.

2. BEFORE SEEKING FORMAL PERMISSION FOR VISIT FROM UAEG AND RAS AL-KHAIMAH AUTHORITIES EMBASSY WISHES ENSURE THAT THIS PROPOSAL REASONABLY FIRM, NOT LIKELY TO SUBJECT CANCELLATION. TO PROPOSE VISIT AND THEN WITHDRAW IT LIKELY CAUSE ADVERSE POLITICAL REACTION IN RAS AL-KHAIMAH. PLEASE ADVISE.
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